IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: WILLIAMS ET AL.

Application No. 10/811,044

Confirmation No. 9536

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For: Bypassing Native Storage
Operations By Communicating
Protected Data Within Locking
Messages Using a Lock Manager
Independent of the Storage

MECHANISM

Group Art Unit: 2165

Examiner: HICKS, Michael J

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REMARKS A

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Office action dated July 11, 2006, and the references cited have been fully considered. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Reconsideration and/or further prosecution of the application is respectfully requested.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.